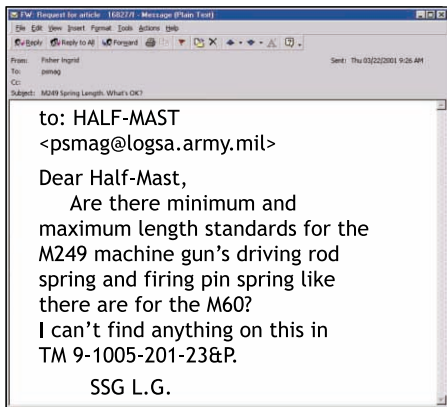


M249 SPRING LENGTH OK?

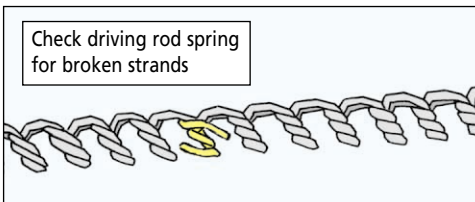
THIS SPRING IS TOO LONG, BUT WHAT'S THE RIGHT LENGTH?

I'LL E-MAIL HALF-MAST. IF ANYBODY KNOWS, HE DOES!

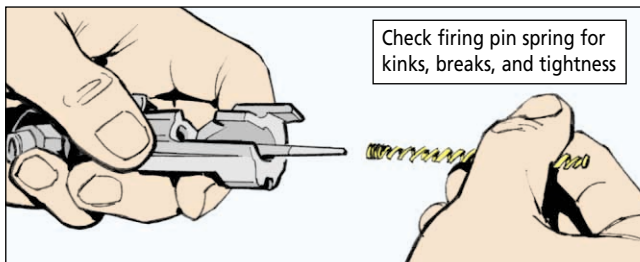


Dear Sergeant L.G.,

No, there is no length standard for either spring. For the driving rod spring (also called helical compression spring), use the criteria in Item 6 in the TM's PMCS on Page 2-4.1: "Check spring for broken strands. Spring should not have more than one broken strand on the same coil, or more than two broken strands, regardless of location, on entire spring."



For the firing pin spring, see the criteria in Item 7 of the PMCS: "Check firing pin spring for kinks, breaks and retention capability (tight enough to stay on pin)."



As long as the springs meet these standards, continue to use them.

Half-Mast